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VIA BLACK PATCH

July 28, 1975

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT 

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1. I discussed with the President your reservations about Frank

Lindsay as Chairman of PFIAB. The President was quite relaxed about it all, said that of course we could wait until you got back to discuss it further, and remarked that there was no reason that Lindsay had to be Chairman. I told him you had no reservations at all about his being a member. You thought very highly of him and your concern was about the pressures he would be under were he to become Chairman. The ~~other~~ members of the Board tentatively decided upon are:

General Meyer
 Les Arends
 Robert Six (questionable)
 Bill Baker
 Johnny Foster
 Ed Land
 Ed Teller
 Leo Cherne
 George Shultz
 Lane Kirkland
 Bob Galvin
 Franklin Lindsay
 Clare Boothe Luce
 Harold Brown
 John Connally

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2. The President also said he was seriously thinking of Edward Bennett Williams for CIA. He has asked Rod Hills to investigate quietly into his

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background to see if there might be some problems about which we are unaware. He asked what you thought about the Williams idea and I ^{earlier} said that your reaction had been positive. If you have any further thoughts, it would probably be a good idea ~~for me~~ to pass them on. The President is not at a decision point yet, but it seems to me he is clearly heading toward Williams at the moment. All in all, it seems to me a rather imaginative idea.

3. In connection with the CIA appointment, the President asked if we could look around to see if there was an Embassy we could give to Colby. He said he did not know what he wanted to do with him but that was one possibility. I pointed out that ~~Colby~~ ^{Colby} I was sure ~~Colby~~ was eligible for retirement, but he said that he thought we should do something more than simply turning him out.

4. The President asked if you had gotten to Caneel all right and said he hoped that you would really relax.

5. If you do have an urge to do some work over the weekend -- and I am not asking that you do so -- would you look at the nuclear weapons deployment paper. The DOD authorization to deploy nuclear weapons runs out on July 1. It is no real problem, however, because if we do not have approval of the new authorization by then, I will simply send out a brief directive authorizing continuation of the current deployment pending the new authorization.

6. Warm regards.

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TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. I DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT YOUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT FRANK LINDSAY AS CHAIRMAN OF PFIAB. THE PRESIDENT WAS QUITE RELAXED ABOUT IT ALL, SAID THAT OF COURSE HE COULD WAIT UNTIL YOU GOT BACK TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER, AND REMARKED THAT THERE WAS NO REASON THAT LINDSAY HAD TO BE CHAIRMAN. I TOLD HIM YOU HAD NO RESERVATIONS AT ALL ABOUT HIS BEING A MEMBER. YOU THOUGHT VERY HIGHLY OF HIM AND YOUR CONCERN WAS ABOUT THE PRESSURES HE WOULD BE UNDER WERE HE TO BECOME CHAIRMAN. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TENTATIVELY DECIDED UPON ARE:

GENERAL MEYER
LES ARENS
ROBERT SIX (QUESTIONABLE)
BILL BAKER
JOHNNY FOSTER
ED LAND
ED TELLER
LEO CHERNE
GEORGE SHULTZ
LANE KIRKLAND
BOB GALVIN
FRANKLIN LINDSAY
CLARE BOOTHE LUCE

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2. THE PRESIDENT ALSO SAID HE WAS SERIOUSLY THINKING OF EDWARD BENNETT WILLIAMS FOR CIA. HE HAS ASKED ROD HILLS TO INVESTIGATE QUIETLY INTO HIS BACKGROUND TO SEE IF THERE MIGHT BE SOME PROBLEMS ABOUT WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE. HE ASKED WHAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE WILLIAMS IDEA AND I SAID THAT YOUR EARLIER REACTION HAD BEEN POSITIVE. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD IDEA TO PASS THEM ON. THE PRESIDENT IS NOT AT A DECISION POINT YET, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME HE IS CLEARLY HEADING TOWARD WILLIAMS AT THE MOMENT. ALL IN ALL, IT SEEMS TO ME A RATHER IMAGINATIVE IDEA.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIA APPOINTMENT, THE PRESIDENT ASKED IF WE COULD LOOK AROUND TO SEE IF THERE WAS AN EMBASSY WE COULD GIVE TO COLBY. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WITH HIM BUT THAT WAS ONE POSSIBILITY. I POINTED OUT THAT I WAS SURE COLBY WAS ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT, BUT HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT HE SHOULD DO SOMETHING MORE THAN SIMPLY TURNING HIM OUT.

4. THE PRESIDENT ASKED IF YOU HAD GOTTEN TO CANCEEL ALL RIGHT AND SAID HE HOPED THAT YOU WOULD REALLY RELAX.

5. IF YOU DO HAVE AN URGE TO DO SOME WORK THE WEEKEND--AND I AM NOT ASKING THAT YOU DO SO--WOULD YOU LOOK AT THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYMENT PAPER. THE DOD AUTHORIZATION TO DEPLOY NUCLEAR WEAPONS RUNS OUT ON JULY 1. IT IS NO REAL PROBLEM, HOWEVER, BECAUSE IF WE DO NOT HAVE APPROVAL OF THE NEW AUTHORIZATION BY THEN, I WILL SIMPLY SEND OUT A BRIEF DIRECTIVE AUTHORIZING CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT DEPLOYMENT PENDING THE NEW AUTHORIZATION.

6. WARM REGARDS,
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